



United States and Canadian Cattle and Sheep

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United States and Canadian Cattle Inventory Down 2 Percent

All cattle and calves in the United States and Canada combined totaled 103 million head on January 1, 2022, down 2 percent from the 105 million head on January 1, 2021. All cows and heifers that have calved inventory at 44.0 million head, down 2 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2022 totaled 91.9 million head, down 2 percent from the 93.8 million head on January 1, 2021. All cows and heifers that have calved inventory at 39.5 million head, down 2 percent from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of January 1, 2022 totaled 11.1 million head, down 1 percent from the 11.2 million on January 1, 2021. All cows and heifers that have calved inventory at 4.48 million, down 1 percent from a year ago.

United States and Canadian Sheep Inventory Down 1 Percent

All sheep and lambs in the United States and Canada combined totaled 5.89 million head on January 1, 2022, down 1 percent from the 5.96 million on January 1, 2021. Breeding sheep inventory at 4.31 million head, down 1 percent from a year ago. Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.58 million head, down 1 percent from last year.

All sheep and lambs in the United States as of January 1, 2022 totaled 5.07 million head, 2 percent below the 5.17 million head on January 1, 2021. Breeding sheep inventory at 3.71 million head, down 2 percent from a year ago. Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.36 million head, down 3 percent from last year.

All sheep and lambs in Canada as of January 1, 2022 totaled 822,000 head, up 4 percent from last year's number of 791,300 head. Breeding sheep inventory at 599,900 head, up 2 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs totaled 222,100 head, up 8 percent from a year ago.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States and Canada: January 1, 2017-2020

Class	2017	2018	2019	2020
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	105,159.6	105,863.0	106,304.7	105,058.3
Cows and heifers that have calved	45,164.4	45,545.4	45,707.6	45,206.3
Beef cows	34,850.9	35,141.0	35,376.5	34,883.0
Milk cows	10,313.5	10,404.4	10,331.1	10,323.3
All other cattle	59,995.2	60,317.6	60,597.1	59,852.0
Calf crop ¹	40,104.3	40,659.6	39,927.3	39,845.6

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service and Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States and Canada: January 1, 2021 and 2022

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Class	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	104,944.5	102,996.6	98
Cows and heifers that have calved	44,799.3	43,979.9	98
Beef cows	34,375.6	33,625.7	98
Milk cows	10,423.7	10,354.2	99
All other cattle	60,145.2	59,016.7	98
Calf crop ¹	39,457.1		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service and Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States: January 1, 2017-2020

Class	2017	2018	2019	2020
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	93,624.6	94,298.0	94,804.7	93,793.3
Cows and heifers that have calved	40,539.2	40,898.3	41,044.1	40,681.3
Beef cows	31,170.7	31,466.2	31,690.7	31,338.7
Milk cows	9,368.5	9,432.1	9,353.4	9,342.6
Heifers 500 pounds and over	20,112.0	20,217.8	20,210.0	20,024.4
For beef cow replacement	6,363.2	6,108.2	5,884.9	5,808.9
For milk cow replacement	4,754.0	4,768.3	4,701.5	4,684.0
Other heifers	8,994.8	9,341.3	9,623.6	9,531.5
Steers 500 pounds and over	16,373.5	16,528.2	16,757.7	16,541.2
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,243.6	2,252.3	2,253.0	2,237.4
Calves under 500 pounds	14,356.3	14,401.4	14,539.9	14,309.0
Calf crop ¹	35,758.2	36,312.7	35,591.6	35,495.5

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – United States: January 1, 2021 and 2022

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Class	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	93,789.5	91,901.6	98
Cows and heifers that have calved	40,286.0	39,500.1	98
Beef cows	30,843.6	30,125.1	98
Milk cows	9,442.4	9,375.0	99
Heifers 500 pounds and over	20,200.1	19,776.0	98
For beef cow replacement	5,803.1	5,611.5	97
For milk cow replacement	4,608.5	4,450.6	97
Other heifers	9,788.5	9,713.9	99
Steers 500 pounds and over	16,787.8	16,579.7	99
Bulls 500 pounds and over	2,210.5	2,109.6	95
Calves under 500 pounds	14,305.1	13,936.2	97
Calf crop ¹	35,085.4		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – Canada: January 1, 2017-2020

Class	2017	2018	2019	2020
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Cattle and calves	11,535.0	11,565.0	11,500.0	11,265.0
Cows and heifers that have calved	4,625.2	4,647.1	4,663.5	4,525.0
Beef cows	3,680.2	3,674.8	3,685.8	3,544.3
Milk cows	945.0	972.3	977.7	980.7
Heifers 1 year and over	1,718.9	1,727.9	1,726.8	1,690.5
For beef cow replacement	563.3	561.6	549.8	523.7
For milk cow replacement	423.6	433.2	432.0	438.0
Other heifers	732.0	733.1	745.0	728.8
Steers 1 year and over	1,191.2	1,243.0	1,202.6	1,099.9
Bulls 1 year and over	213.1	215.3	212.1	200.2
Calves under 1 year	3,786.6	3,731.7	3,695.0	3,749.4
Calf crop ¹	4,346.1	4,346.9	4,335.7	4,350.1

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Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

Cattle and Calf Inventory by Class and Calf Crop – Canada: January 1, 2021 and 2022

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Class	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Cattle and calves	11,155.0	11,095.0	99
Cows and heifers that have calved	4,513.3	4,479.8	99
Beef cows	3,532.0	3,500.6	99
Milk cows	981.3	979.2	100
Heifers 1 year and over	1,659.4	1,625.9	98
For beef cow replacement	538.6	517.3	96
For milk cow replacement	426.1	429.7	101
Other heifers	694.7	678.9	98
Steers 1 year and over	1,053.9	1,012.7	96
Bulls 1 year and over	210.0	213.6	102
Calves under 1 year	3,718.4	3,763.0	101
Calf crop ¹	4,371.7		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

¹ January to December calf crop.

Source: Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada.

**Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class and Lamb Crop – United States and Canada:
January 1, 2017-2020**

Class	2017	2018	2019	2020
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	6,083.9	6,094.4	6,057.8	5,997.7
Breeding sheep and lambs	4,504.6	4,480.4	4,431.9	4,398.4
Replacement lambs - under one year old	741.5	740.9	729.2	734.9
Ewes - one year old and older	3,569.1	3,545.9	3,509.3	3,470.3
Rams - one year old and older	194.0	193.6	193.4	193.2
Market sheep and lambs	1,579.3	1,614.0	1,625.9	1,599.3
Market sheep ¹	76.0	80.0	82.0	84.0
Market lambs ²	1,503.3	1,534.0	1,543.9	1,515.3
Lamb crop ³	4,085.4	4,068.7	4,051.0	4,070.8

¹ United States market sheep only.

² Canada market lambs include small amounts of market sheep.

³ January to December lamb crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service and Statistics Canada, Livestock and Animal Products Section.

**Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class and Lamb Crop – United States and Canada:
January 1, 2021 and 2022**

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Class	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	5,961.3	5,887.0	99
Breeding sheep and lambs	4,365.7	4,309.9	99
Replacement lambs - under one year old	730.4	722.9	99
Ewes - one year old and older	3,442.2	3,403.9	99
Rams - one year old and older	193.1	183.1	95
Market sheep and lambs	1,595.6	1,577.1	99
Market sheep ¹	81.0	78.0	96
Market lambs ²	1,514.6	1,499.1	99
Lamb crop ³	4,041.0		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

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³ January to December lamb crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service and Statistics Canada, Livestock and Animal Products Section.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class and Lamb Crop – United States: January 1, 2017-2020

Class	2017	2018	2019	2020
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	5,270.0	5,265.0	5,230.0	5,200.0
Breeding sheep and lambs	3,894.0	3,865.0	3,820.0	3,810.0
Replacement lambs - under one year old	666.0	662.0	650.0	660.0
Ewes - one year old and older	3,058.0	3,033.0	3,000.0	2,980.0
Rams - one year old and older	170.0	170.0	170.0	170.0
Market sheep and lambs	1,376.0	1,400.0	1,410.0	1,390.0
Market sheep	76.0	80.0	82.0	84.0
Market lambs	1,300.0	1,320.0	1,328.0	1,306.0
Lamb crop ¹	3,230.0	3,235.0	3,230.0	3,210.0

¹ January to December lamb crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

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Class	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	5,170.0	5,065.0	98
Breeding sheep and lambs	3,780.0	3,710.0	98
Replacement lambs - under one year old	650.0	640.0	98
Ewes - one year old and older	2,960.0	2,910.0	98
Rams - one year old and older	170.0	160.0	94
Market sheep and lambs	1,390.0	1,355.0	97
Market sheep	81.0	78.0	96
Market lambs	1,309.0	1,277.0	98
Lamb crop ¹	3,160.0		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

¹ January to December lamb crop.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class and Lamb Crop – Canada: January 1, 2017-2020

Class	2017	2018	2019	2020
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
All sheep and lambs	813.9	829.4	827.8	797.7
Breeding sheep and lambs	610.6	615.4	611.9	588.4
Replacement lambs - under one year old	75.5	78.9	79.2	74.9
Ewes - one year old and older	511.1	512.9	509.3	490.3
Rams - one year old and older	24.0	23.6	23.4	23.2
Market sheep and lambs	203.3	214.0	215.9	209.3
Lamb crop ¹	855.4	833.7	821.0	860.8

¹ January to December lamb crop.

Source: Statistics Canada, Livestock and Animal Products Section.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class and Lamb Crop – Canada: January 1, 2021 and 2022

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Class	2021	2022	2022 as percent of 2021
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All sheep and lambs	791.3	822.0	104
Breeding sheep and lambs	585.7	599.9	102
Replacement lambs - under one year old	80.4	82.9	103
Ewes - one year old and older	482.2	493.9	102
Rams - one year old and older	23.1	23.1	100
Market sheep and lambs	205.6	222.1	108
Lamb crop ¹	881.0		(X)

(X) Not applicable.

¹ January to December lamb crop.

Source: Statistics Canada, Livestock and Animal Products Section.

This publication is a result of a joint effort by Statistics Canada and NASS to release the number of cattle and calves by class and calf crop for both countries within one publication. This information was requested by the United States cattle industry to provide producers additional information about potential beef, mutton, and lamb supplies. United States inventory numbers were previously released on January 31, 2022. Canadian inventory numbers were released on February 28, 2022.

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